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**RULES 63 AND 67 (37 C.F.R. 1.63 and 1.67)**  
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I believe that I am an **original, first and joint inventor** of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **CONTAINERS WITH OPTIONAL VENTING**, the specification of which: **(mark only one)**

- (a) is attached hereto.  
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NONE					

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